

Rebalancing Workgroup MFP/BIP  
MDH L-3 12noon-2pm  
April 3, 2018

Introductions: In Person and Phone

**Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Updates**

- I. Waiver Registry Screen
  - a. The Waiver Registry currently stands at 21,849 individuals
  - b. Over 13,600 individuals have received the Level One Screen. Please keep in mind there is a higher number of individuals that have been contacted, but decided not to participate in the program)
  - c. The Schaefer Center has received the final call list to be completed between now and the end of the fiscal year.
  - d. MDH has received a quarterly report from the Schaefer Center with calling results. Updates from the report will be presented at the next stakeholder meeting.

**Money Follows the Person (MFP) Updates**

- I. MFP Activities
  - a. A meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2018 to continue the discussion regarding FY19 funds and sustainability with the Secretaries.
  - b. FY19 Interagency Agreements are being sent to the agencies for review and signatures. The Interagency Agreements consist of Options Counseling (MDOA), Housing (MDOD), and Peer Outreach (MDOD).
- II. Housing Updates
  - a. MDH Activities
    - i. Mandi Jackson started as MFP Housing Specialist on November 08, 2017.
    - ii. Rebecca, Khadija and Mandi are providing technical assistance to supports planners assisting individuals referred for the MFP Bridge Subsidy program and Section 811 PRA.
  - b. Maryland Partnership for Affordable Housing (MPAH)
    - i. The Advisory Group (made up of representatives from MDH, DHCD, MDOD, DDA, BHA, and the CIL network) continues to meet regularly to discuss development and implementation of housing programs such as Weinberg Units, 811 PRA, and MFP Bridge.
    - ii. The Case Management Subcommittee continues to meet quarterly in-person to provide housing program updates. **Next meeting: May 3, 2018 at The Coordinating Center, 8531 Veterans Hwy, Millersville, MD 21108.**

- c. HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration
  - i. Maryland received two funding awards from HUD for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration to provide project-based rental assistance to people with disabilities who are low-income, Medicaid recipients between the ages of 18 and under 62 at time of lease signing.
    - 1. Identified projects:
      - a. Anne Arundel County
        - i. Berger Square- 8 units – **Fully Leased** (2 bedroom)
        - ii. Towne Courts- 6 units (4 one bedroom, 2 two bedroom)
      - b. Baltimore City-
        - i. Riviera- 5 units
        - ii. Warwick – 12 units
        - iii. East Baltimore Historic III – 2 units
        - iv. Greenmount & Chase – 9 units
        - v. Walbrook Mill – 10 Units
      - c. Baltimore County-
        - i. Red Run Station- 11 units
        - ii. Preserve at Red Run- 13 units- Under construction
        - iii. Merritt Station- 11 units- Under construction
      - d. Calvert County- Calvert Hills East-12 units
      - e. Frederick City
        - i. Sinclair Way- 11 units- **Leased**
        - ii. 520 N. Market St. - 5 units – Under construction. (Fall 2018)
      - f. Harford County
        - i. Riverwoods at Tollgate- 13 units- **Leased**
        - ii. Rock Spring Station- 9 units
      - g. Montgomery County
        - i. Woodfield Commons- 13 units, Under construction
        - ii. Scotland Townhomes- 5 units
        - iii. Momentum at Shady Grove- 10 units
      - h. Prince George's County
        - i. Bladensburg Commons- 15 units- **Leased**
        - ii. Brinkley Hill- 5 units- **Leased**
        - iii. Parkview Manor- 6 units
      - i. Queen Anne's County
        - i. Willows at Centerville- 5 units
        - ii. Village at Slippery Hill- 5 units
      - j. St. Mary's County- Patuxent Crossing- 5 units
      - k. Talbot County - Galloway Meadows- 4 units- Under construction. ( Fall 2018)
      - l. Washington County- Hopewell Station- 5 units (Fall 2018)
      - m. Wicomico County- Homes at Johnson Pond- 4 units- Under construction. **Referring now.**

- d. Weinberg Apartments
  - i. Anne Arundel County
    - 1. Heritage Overlook – 3 units – **Referring now.**
    - 2. Towne Courts- 2 units
  - ii. Baltimore County
    - 1. Preserve at Red Run- 2 units
  - iii. Dorchester County
    - 1. Hudson Townhomes- 2 units -**Leased**
  - iv. Harford County
    - 1. Winston’s Choice- 2 units- **Leased**
  - v. Montgomery County
    - 1. Parkview Towers- 5 units – **Leased**
    - 2. Woodfield Commons- 2 units
  - vi. Prince George’s County
    - 1. Brinkley Hill- 3 Units- **Leased**
  - vii. Somerset County
    - 1. Reserves at Somerset- 2 units- **Leased**
  - viii. Wicomico County
    - 1. River’s Edge- 3 units- **Leased**
- e. MFP Bridge Subsidy- Referring now.
  - i. MFP Bridge Subsidy has implemented a policy change to address outstanding search durations. Effective February 5, 2018, applicants who have received a program authorization from a Public Housing Authority will have 120 days from the authorization date to locate housing and return the Unit Information Sheet to the Public Housing Authority. Motivated individuals who are near the 120 day limit may request a 30 day extension which is subject to the Money Follows the Person Project Director’s approval. Extension approvals are granted on a case by case basis taking into consideration the unit search record, number of properties contacted, or if a unit has been identified.
  - ii. MFP Bridge Subsidy will be offered throughout Maryland for MFP eligible individuals transitioning from qualified institutions or individuals in the Brain Injury Waiver who are transitioning from ALUs. Eligible applicants must be 18 and older with a maximum household income of \$19,000.
  - iii. The Bridge Subsidy will be tenant-based, similar to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The Bridge Subsidy will provide rental assistance for up to 3 years. Individuals will transition to HCVs after that period with the exception of Montgomery County, which will offer project-based units. Individuals will pay 30% of their income for rent and utilities.
    - 1. The program is open in Carroll County (5 commitments), Prince George’s County (5 commitments), DHCD (18 commitments, Western MD and Eastern Shore), Baltimore City (15 commitments), Harford County (5 commitments), Anne Arundel County (7 commitments), Hagerstown (5 commitments), and St. Mary’s County (5 commitments), and Easton (5 commitments), Howard County (5

- commitments), Baltimore County (10 commitments), and Montgomery County (10 project-based units)
- 2. Subsidies are still available for following jurisdictions, referrals are needed: DHCD (Western MD and Eastern Shore), Hagerstown, Harford County, Howard County, St. Mary's County, and Easton.
- iv. Program Updates:
  - 1. 76 applicants have been referred to Public Housing Authorities.
  - 2. 30 of those applicants have been housed and 4 applicants are pending move-in.
  - 3. 20 applicants are pending approval from the Public Housing Authority.
  - 4. 22 applicants are approved to search for housing.

### III. MFP Updates/ Transitions

- a. Shawn Spurlock has been hired as the Health Policy Analyst I (Behavioral Health Specialist).
- b. Kimberlee Jackson and Susan Davis have been hired as the Quality and Compliance Specialist.
- c. CMS- MFP Budget and Semi Annual Report were submitted in February 2018
- d. Transitions
  - 1. Since the beginning of the program in 2008, MFP has transitioned a total of 3,015 individuals (as of 4/3/2018)
  - 2. Benchmark for CY2018 (January-December 2018) is 394 transitions. In order to reach the 85% threshold, we have to transition 335 individuals by December 31, 2018.
  - 3. Provided spreadsheet of 2016 vs. 2017 transitions

*The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 5, 2018** from 12-2 in room L-3.*